

Friday, August 9, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed bill on TVA power financing, and 12 sundry bills.

House passed Atomic Energy Commission authorization and Federal employees' pay raise bills.

Conferees agreed to file report on public works appropriations bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 14156-14171

Bills Introduced: 10 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2738-2747; S. Con. Res. 47; and S. Res. 180-181. Pages 14157-14158

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 1086, granting consent and approval of Congress to a Bear River compact, with amendments (S. Rept. 843); and

S. 319, providing for conveyance of certain lands to State of Maine, with amendments (S. Rept. 844). Page 14157

Bill Referred: One House-passed bill was referred to appropriate committee. Page 14171

Bill Placed on Calendar: H. R. 8992, International Atomic Energy Participation Act of 1957, was ordered to be placed on calendar. Page 14171

West Virginia Dam: Senate disagreed to House amendment to S. 1520, to amend act providing for disposal of federally owned property at obsolescent canalized waterways so as to provide for repair of dam on Little Kanawha River in West Virginia, requested conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Chavez, Kerr, Gore, Martin (Pennsylvania), and Revercomb. Page 14166

Rio Grande: Report dated May 20, 1957, from Corps of Engineers, Department of Army, together with accompanying papers and illustrations on review of report on the Rio Grande and its tributaries at Socorro, N. Mex., was ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 58. Page 14158

TVA Power Financing: By 61 yeas to 20 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Senate passed with amendments S. 1869, to permit the TVA to finance its power program with proceeds from revenue bonds, after taking the following actions on amendments and motions:

Adopted: Cotton amendment including power revenues in the restrictive language barring use of bond proceeds, without prior Congressional approval, for sale

of power outside defined areas; modified Aiken amendment providing that Congress shall have 90 days during a particular single session to consider any proposed extension of service, and that such extension may be disapproved by concurrent resolution; Case (South Dakota) amendment respecting amount, terms, and maturity of financing bonds; modified Cotton amendments respecting extension to certain rural electric cooperatives, and requiring that future contracts for supply of power contain agreement to restrict sale of such power within described boundaries; Case (South Dakota) amendment providing that repeal of statutory provisions respecting payment by TVA to Treasury of certain sums from power revenue shall be effective June 30, 1958; and by 76 yeas to 6 nays, amendment by Senator Case (South Dakota) requiring repayment sum of at least \$10 million by TVA, which sum shall be applied to reduction of appropriation investment (motion to reconsider tabled); and

Rejected: By 37 yeas to 46 nays, modified Saltonstall amendment barring issue, sale, or use of revenue from any financing bonds that have not been approved by Congress (motion to reconsider tabled); and by 22 yeas to 63 nays, Goldwater motion to recommit the bill to Committee on Public Works. Pages 14172-14207, 14208-14221

Sundry Bills Passed: Senate took up and passed 12 sundry reported bills, as follows:

Service-connected disability: H. R. 52, to provide increases in service-connected disability compensation and to increase dependency allowances, with committee amendments;

D. C. intestacy: H. R. 6508, providing for a uniform succession of real and personal property in cases of intestacy in D. C., with Clark amendment to give to spouse vested interest in all real property acquired by either during coverture;

International atomic energy: H. R. 8992, International Atomic Energy Participation Act of 1957, as amended by substitution for its text of the language of S. 2673, companion bill; S. 2673 was then indefinitely postponed;

Puerto Rico: H. J. Res. 275, transferring to Puerto Rico certain archives and records in possession of the National Archives (cleared for President);

Rio Grande project: S. 2120, authorizing construction of lower Rio Grande rehabilitation project, Texas, Mercedes division, with committee amendments and an amendment by Senator Johnson (Texas) confining terms of bill to lands in Mercedes project (motion to reconsider tabled);

Air carrier loans: S. 2229, to provide for Government guaranty of private loans to certain air carriers for purchase of aircraft and equipment, with committee amendments.

Panama Canal ship pilots: S. 821, to amend Civil Service Retirement Act with respect to Panama Canal ship pilots, with committee amendment;

Klamath River compact: S. 2431, Klamath River Basin compact, California-Oregon;

D. C. armory: H. R. 1937, authorizing construction of a stadium in D. C., with committee amendments;

Civilian foreign travel expense: S. 1903, relating to travel expenses of civilian employees of Government to duty outside the U. S., with committee amendment;

Wake Island school construction: H. R. 7540, to extend provisions of Public Law 815, 81st Congress, relating to school construction, to Wake Island (cleared for President); and

Jackson School Township, Ind.: S. 807, for the relief of Jackson School Township, Ind., with committee amendments.

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Rights on High Seas: During consideration of sundry calendar bills, Senate took up S. 1483, rights of U. S. vessels on high seas, adopted committee amendments, but then temporarily put aside the bill's further consideration.

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D. C. Police and Firemen Retirement: Senate took up but deferred until tomorrow further action on H. R. 6517, relating to the retirement of Metropolitan Police and Fire Department personnel.

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Nominations: Senate received the following nominations: James H. Smith, Jr., of Colorado, to be Director of ICA, in the Department of State; William Francis Quinn, of Hawaii, to be Governor of the Territory of Hawaii; 10 nominations to the General Assembly of the U. N.; 1 judicial nomination; 14 in the Public Health Service; 36 postmasters; and 1 postmaster withdrawal.

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Recess: Recessed at 9:11 p. m.

Committee Meetings

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Continuing its hearings on H. R. 9131, fiscal 1958 supplemental appropriations,

committee heard testimony on Air Force construction items in the bill from Secretary James H. Douglas, John M. Ferry, Special Assistant for Installations, Brig. Gen. William E. Rentz, Deputy Director for Installations, and Lewis E. Turner, Directorate of Budget, all of the Air Force.

Hearings continue August 12, with testimony on other sections of the bill.

SIBLEY HOSPITAL, SCHOOL LUNCHES, AND NEEDY

Committee on the District of Columbia: Subcommittee on Public Health, Education, Welfare, and Safety ordered reported to the full committee without amendment H. R. 8918, exchange of lands for site and construction of Sibley Memorial Hospital; and with amendment S. 1764, to authorize payment from appropriated funds of the cost of free school lunches in D. C., and S. 1849, to provide for more effective administration of public assistance for needy in D. C.

FINANCIAL INVESTIGATION

Committee on Finance: Continuing its financial investigation hearings, committee heard Under Secretary of the Treasury W. Randolph Burgess conclude his testimony.

Hearings continue August 13.

TAX CONVENTION WITH PAKISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings on convention with Pakistan for avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to income taxes (Ex. N, 85th Cong., 1st sess.), with testimony from Prof. Stanley Surrey, Harvard University Law School; Mitchell B. Carroll, National Foreign Trade Council, Inc., New York; Ellsworth C. Alvord, of Washington, D. C.; Dan Throop Smith, Deputy to the Secretary of the Treasury; Thorsten V. Kalijarvi, Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; and Colin F. Stam, Chief of Staff, Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation.

IMMIGRATION AND RECLAMATION

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee, in executive session, ordered reported to the full committee with amendment S. 145 and 2089, authorizing construction and operation of reregulating reservoir at Burns Creek site in Upper Snake River Valley, Idaho, and S. 1086, granting consent and approval of Congress to a Bear River compact; and without amendment S. 2037, authorizing performance of necessary protection work between Yuma project and Boulder Dam, S. J. Res. 26, to eliminate hazards within the city of Klamath Falls, Oreg., caused by the A canal under jurisdiction of Bureau of Reclamation, and S. 1742, con-

veyance of lands to school district on Huntley reclamation project, Yellowstone County, Mont.

STEEL PRICES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly resumed its hearings with regard to administered prices, hearing further testimony from Roger Blough, president, U. S. Steel Corp.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT INVESTIGATION

Select committee on improper activities in the labor or management fields continued its hearings as to such activities in the New York area, having as its witnesses Morris Weintraub, of Newport, Ky., member of the executive board, UAW, AFL, and Earl Heaton, Los Angeles, former president of Allied Industrial Workers, AFL-CIO.

Hearings continue August 12.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H. R. 9203-9216; 12 private bills, H. R. 9217-9228; and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 225, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. R. 7911, revision of census law, amended (H. Rept. 1043);

H. R. 6701, granting Congressional approval to the Tennessee River Basin Water Pollution Control Compact, amended (H. Rept. 1044);

H. R. 8429, relating to vocational rehabilitation programs in the States, amended (H. Rept. 1045);

H. R. 7155, relating to training period for physicians under the Vocational Rehabilitation Act (H. Rept. 1046);

H. R. 8960, treatment of copyright royalties for purposes of personal holding company tax, amended (H. Rept. 1047);

H. R. 9020, amendment of Packers and Stockyards Act (H. Rept. 1048); and

Conference report on H. R. 8090, making appropriations for civil functions administered by the Department of the Army and for certain agencies of Department of the Interior for fiscal year 1958 (H. Rept. 1049).

Pages 14262, 14306-14307

AEC Authorization: By a record vote of 383 yeas to 14 nays the House passed H. R. 8996, to authorize appropriations for the Atomic Energy Commission in accordance with section 261 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Adopted an amendment that deleted authorization for projects 58-e-14 and 58-e-15. Also adopted an amendment to supply new provisions relating to the cooperative power reactor demonstration program.

Rejected an amendment to delete project 58-b-8.

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Federal Employees' Pay Raise: By a record vote of 329 yeas to 58 nays the House passed H. R. 2462, to adjust the rates of basic compensation of certain officers and employees of the Federal Government. The House

had previously rejected a recommittal motion by a roll-call vote of 70 yeas to 319 nays. Adopted a committee amendment that supplied new text providing an 11-percent increase with a \$1,000 limitation. Rejected amendments to reduce the increase to 7½ percent and to remove judicial and legislative employees from the bill. H. Res. 393, the rule under which the legislation was considered, had been adopted earlier by a voice vote.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:06 p. m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AID IN EDUCATION

Committee on Education and Labor: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. R. 8679 (amended by striking title II relating to Public Law 874, 81st Cong.), to provide a 1-year extension of the programs of financial assistance in the construction and operation of schools in areas affected by Federal activities under the provisions of Public Law 815 (81st Cong.).

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION

Committee on Un-American Activities: Held hearing with regard to Communist infiltration of sensitive communications media. Adjourned subject to call of the Chair.

Joint Committee Meetings

PUBLIC WORKS APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H. R. 8090, fiscal 1958 appropriations for public works.

POULTRY INSPECTION

Conferees met in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1747, to provide compulsory inspection of poultry and poultry products, but did not reach agreement and will meet again August 13.

ICC RATES

Conferees met in executive session to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 939, to amend section 22 of Interstate Commerce Act

regarding free or reduced rates on Government traffic, but did not conclude their work and will meet again Tuesday, August 13.

Saturday, August 10, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed 5 sundry bills (clearing 3 for President), and took up military construction bill.

Senate**Chamber Action**

Routine Proceedings, pages 14315-14324

Bills Introduced: 10 bills were introduced, as follows:
S. 2748-2757. Page 14315

Bills Placed on Calendar: Two House-passed bills, as follows, were ordered placed on calendar: H. R. 2462, to adjust the rates of basic compensation of certain officers and employees of the Federal Government; and H. R. 8996, to authorize appropriations for the Atomic Energy Commission in accordance with Atomic Energy Act of 1954. Page 14315

Reclamation Repayment Contracts: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H. R. 5492, to extend time during which Secretary of Interior may enter into amendatory repayment contracts under Federal reclamation laws, after discharging Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs from its further consideration.

S. 1426, companion bill, was then indefinitely postponed. Pages 14322-14323

D. C. Police and Firemen Retirement: Senate passed by 45 yeas to 19 nays (motion to reconsider tabled) H. R. 6517, relating to the retirement of Metropolitan Police and Fire Department personnel. This action clears bill for White House.

Prior to its passage, Senate rejected, by 19 yeas to 47 nays, Williams motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the District of Columbia, and rejected by 30 yeas to 32 nays, Williams motion to recommit the bill to committee with instructions to report it back by August 14, with language to bring retirement benefits in line with those of other employees under civil-service retirement system who are engaged in hazardous work. Pages 14323-14340

Nurses in Armed Services: Senate passed without amendment and cleared for President H. R. 2460, to

improve the career opportunities of nurses and medical specialists of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. Page 14341

Chief Joseph Project: Senate passed, with committee amendments, S. 1031, authorizing construction, operation, and maintenance of seven units of Greater Wenatchee division, Chief Joseph project, Washington. Page 14342

Air Carrier Certification: H. R. 4520, to amend Civil Aeronautics Act of 1938 so as to authorize permanent certification for certain air carriers operating between U. S. and Alaska, was passed without amendment, clearing bill for President. Motion to reconsider was tabled. S. 1873, companion bill, was tabled. Pages 14347-14350

Mail Handling Laws: By unanimous consent, H. R. 7910, to revise the laws relating to the handling of short-paid and undeliverable mail, was recommitted to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service. Page 14342

Military Installations Construction: Senate made its unfinished business H. R. 8240, to authorize certain construction at military installations. Page 14350

Confirmations: Numerous Army nominations were confirmed. Page 14357

Nominations: 25 Navy nominations were received. Page 14357

Adjournment: Adjourned at 4:06 p. m.

Committee Meetings**STEEL PRICES**

Committee on the Judiciary: Continuing its hearings with regard to administered prices, Subcommittee on Antitrust and Monopoly heard further testimony from Roger Blough, president, U. S. Steel Corp. Also heard were Robert C. Tyson, chairman of finance committee, U. S. Steel Corp., and Dr. John Blair, chief economist of the subcommittee staff.

Hearings continue Monday.